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## THREE REEDBIRD HUNTERS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FINED

For possessing 18 reedbirds they had just killed illegally on the marshes of the Potomac within the District of Columbia, three men were recently apprehended by a Federal game protector and two days later arraigned before Judge Schuldt in the United States branch of the District police court and fined \$10 each.

At the Biological Survey it was learned that the provisions of the migratory-bird treaty act, which is administered by the Department of Agriculture, make it unlawful to hunt bobelinks, commonly known as reedbirds or ricebirds, anywhere in the United States, and violators are subject to prosecution and to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Officials of the Biological Survey stated also that there is no open season on greater and lesser yellowlegs or on black-bellied and golden plovers. The season for hunting rails and gallinules opened throughout the country on September 1 and will close on November 30, except in Massachusetts and Louisiana. The season on wild ducks will not open in the District until November 1, and woodcock may be hunted there only from November 10 to December 10. Hunting is permitted half an hour before sunrise but is prohibited after sunset.

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